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The Pan American Materials Conference, held in São Paulo, Brazil, was by all measures a great success. On Monday, July 21, prior to the conference, representatives of Materials Societies from Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, and the US took part in a meeting hosted by the Brazilian Society of metals, materials, and Minerals which was followed by a luncheon in which they met the Board of Directors of ABM.

What began as a modest but pioneering effort in 2010, along with the 65th Congress of ABM, has now turned into a truly Pan-American event that attracted researchers from a significant number of countries of the Americas. The congress was preceded by a historic meeting at the headquarters of ABM. Representatives from Argentina, Chile, Peru, Mexico, USA and Brazil

showed their societies of materials and decided, after a beautiful lecture by our consortium Pedro Dolabella Portella, describing the FEMS (Federation of European Societies of Materials, of which he was president), support a similar initiative in the Americas. Thus, the seed was planted for a federation. This will need much care to grow and bear fruit, but a new direction was initiated. The functions of this federation include the creation of a forum for high-level investigations in the Americas, and the acceleration of development of new interactions and collaborations across the continent.

The Pan American Conference used a dynamic format with eleven symposia focused on topics of great scientific and technological importance: Materials for energy; Composite and hybrid materials; Biomaterials, smart materials and structures; Mechanical behavior of structural materials; Processing of materials; Modeling and simulation of processes, Microstructures and behavior; Ultrafine grained and nanocrystalline materials and metallic glasses; Dynamic properties of materials; Mineral processing. Among these we highlight the symposium in honor of Robert Mehl. He helped found the ABM in 1944 He was also the supervisor of a brilliant Brazilian student who had an important career in UNIDO, Luis Correia da Silva and of the illustrious Prof. Walter Arno Mannheimer. He spent a year at the University of São Paulo helping metallurgical education in Brazil. Profs. Massalski and Landgraf organized this symposium. Profs. Massalski and Mannheimer, who knew this singular figure, familiarized us with personal and professional aspects of the life of Prof. Mehl. Then followed a brilliant lecture by Prof. Gleiter (Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, Germany) on a possible connection between classical and quantum mechanics. This territory is still an unknown region in which the two mechanics are governed by different laws coexist. Using experiments with nanoparticles he exploring this regime, from where a possible Nobel Prize will come. Another important contribution on nanotechnology, and which in 2014 was awarded with the Mehl Medal of TMS, was given by Prof. J. Narayan. Followed lectures by great authorities H. Hahn (of the Institute of Technology Karlsruhe, Germany), Michael Kassner of the USA, who explored the inner tensions in plastically deformed metals. Computational work also punctuated the Congress, and Professor Eduardo Bringa Argentina, an authority on this subject, spoke on various aspects of plastic deformation in monolithic and porous metals. This computational method (molecular dynamics) is of great value to a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of deformation by movement of dislocations and twinning. Prof. Murr presented a review of their contributions to dynamic behavior of materials during fifty years dedicated to this work. In the area of biological materials, Daniel Pelaez (Pontifical Bolivarian University, Colombia) presented an interesting lecture on the extraction of keratin from poultry feathers. The development of alloys for biomedical applications magnesium was described by T. Muthiah and associates from several universities in Chile. These are just some of the presentations, which were conspicuous by their quality.

Profs. Sergio Neves Monteiro and Marc Meyers were the co-organizers. The format is inspired by the annual congress of the TMS. The author submits only the summary before the Congress and the selection is made on this basis. Select articles will be published in JMRT, after a rigorous evaluation by auditorsThe success of this conference warrants the creation of a Pan American Materials Conference series. TMS has offered to host the next meeting in conjunction with its annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee (2016). Interest was also demonstrated by Mexico and Argentina, and these will be excellent choices for 2018.

The participants supported with travel grants included the following seven faculty and two graduate students:

Professor L.E. Murr, University of Texas at El Paso

Professor Joseph Poon, University of Virginia

Professor Michael Kessner, University of Southern California

Professor Priya Vashishta, University of Southern California

Professor Terrance Langdon, University of Southern California

Professor Diana Farkas, Virginia Tech

Professor Fernand Marquis, San Diego State University

Ms. Jennifer Breidenich, Graduate student, Georgia Institute of Technology

Mr. Carlos Ruestes, Graduate student, University of Argentina